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1. Plant # 02 of the Gottwald Works, First Brno and Kralovo Pole Engineering Works National Corporation, in Kralovo Pole employs a total of between 6,500 and 7,000 workers including foremen and office employees.\* The plant, which is supervised by the Ministry of National Defense and the Ministry of Industry, controls between 25 and 30 smaller plants, including eight in Brno, two in the Jesenicky Mountains and one near Tatranska Lomica (Q50/D69). The Kralovo Pole plant is surrounded by a wooden fence. Plant security is maintained by a uniformed plant guard of about 30 men armed with pistols and a roving night patrol of three men. The factory militia consists of about 80 men armed with submachine guns, pistols and rifles. The fire brigade numbers 20 men. Underground air raid shelters were built to the north of the plant under the German occupation. Leading personnel include the following:

a. Plant Manager	Frantisek Piza
b. Deputy Manager	Ing. Těplý, a fanatical Communist
c. Chairman of the Workers' Council	Jaroslav Jezek
d. Chairman of the Plant KSC	Jan Synek
e. Head of the Cadre Department	Jan Cerný

2. The Gottwald Works in Kralovo Pole produces railroad and highway bridges, mobile cranes, towers for oil wells, and some woodworking power tools. Artillery shells were produced at the plant during World War II. The plant lacks space and unskilled labor, and suffers from a shortage of steel and non-ferrous metals. Because of the failure of the tool shop to deliver sufficient equipment to the production shops, the plant fulfilled its quota only to about 80 percent during 1950. The monthly production capacity of the works during 1950 was as follows:\*\*

Railroad freight cars	95-100
Railroad passenger cars	40-60
Railroad cabooses	70-80
Streetcars	10-14
Railroad engine tenders	350-370
Presses	7-8
Railroad Bridges	5-8

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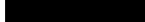
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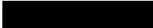

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Highway bridges	4-5
Mobile cranes of 10 tons capacity	15-20
Mobile cranes of 12 tons capacity	10-16
Power saws for woodworking	80-90

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\*  Comment: The number of employees seems too high. Other reports covering approximately the same period indicate the labor force to be between 3,000 and 5,000.

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 Comment: The production figures are probably exaggerated.  gives figures for the annual production of rolling stock in 1950 within the same range as these figures for monthly production.

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Attachment: Sketch of Plant # 02 of the Gottwald Works in Kralovo Pole.

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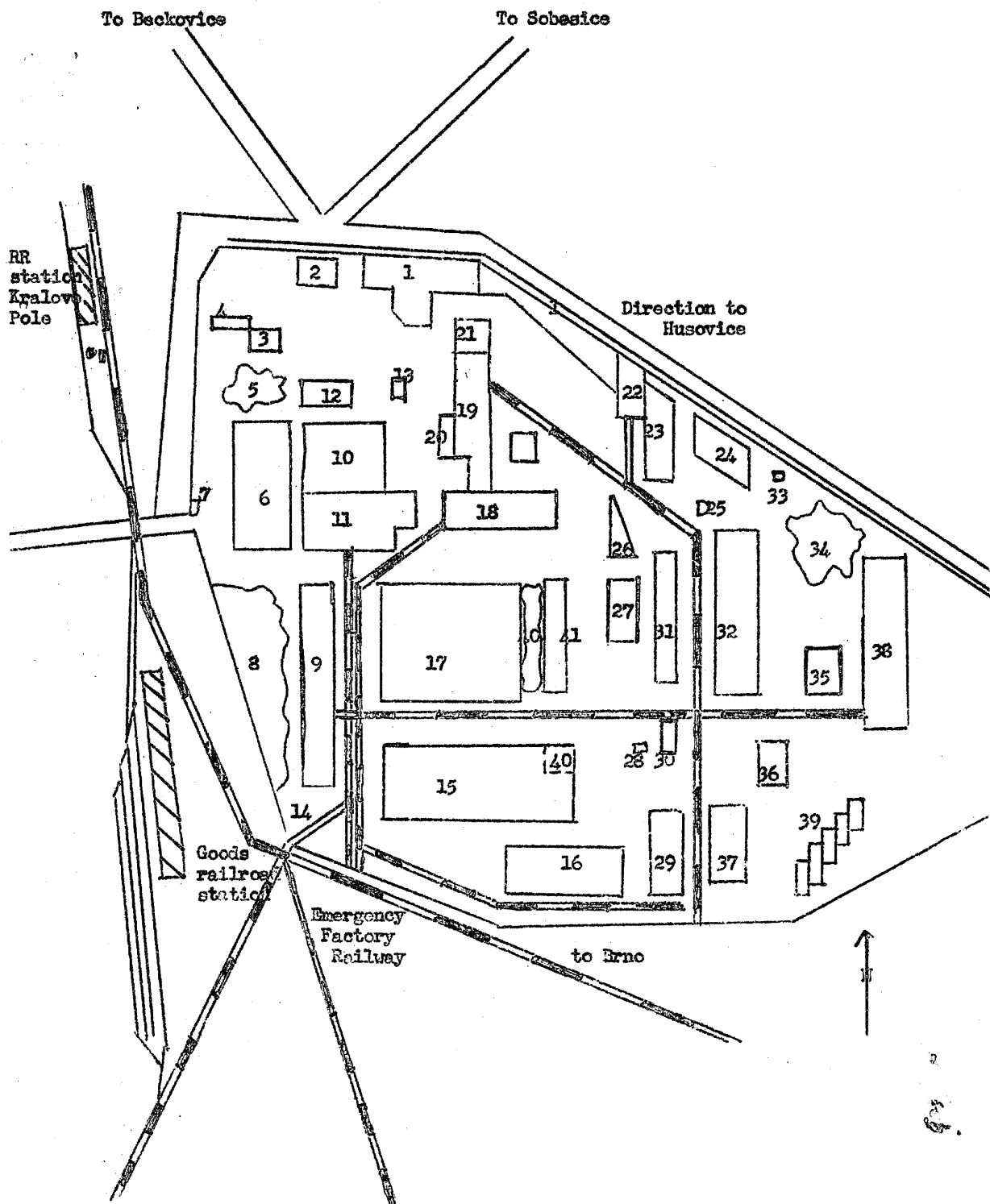
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Sketch of the Cottwald Plants, National Corporation, Plant #02  
at Brno - Kralovo Pole



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1. Four-story building containing management offices, telephone exchange, guardroom, accounting offices and a photostating department.
2. Three-story building containing offices of the personnel department, the Union of Czech Youth and the ROH.
3. Living quarters of the Commander of the Guards Frantisek Zlaty.
4. Underground garages, housing nine automobiles.
5. Outdoor storage of railroad wheels.
6. Carpenter shop. A wooden building equipped with 10 band saws, four plywood presses, six planing machines and four milling machines.
7. Gatehouse.
8. Outdoor storage of wood.
9. Wooden assembly hall for the manual operations in the assembly of railroad cars.
10. Wooden building for the final assembly and polishing (sic) of railroad cars.
11. Wooden building for the construction of streetcar axles and small parts for railroad cars. The equipment of this section includes about 30 lathes, five eccentric presses, four vertical milling cutters, two horizontal milling cutters and five planing machines.
12. Carpenter shop for the production of plywood and veneers.
13. Underground water tanks.
14. Gatehouse.
15. Foundry equipped with electric furnaces, two travelling cranes of 5 to 12 tons capacity, two shifting machines, four electric preheating furnaces and eight grinding machines. This is a reinforced concrete building.
16. Pattern shop in a three-story building. Equipment includes 15 lathes, eight vertical and four horizontal milling cutters, and eight horizontal planing machines.
17. Production hall for railroad cars.
18. Bridge and crane department. This is a wooden building.
19. Parts warehouse; canteen.
20. Two-story building containing offices of the KSC and Aeroclub. On the second floor is the store of weapons for the workers' militia.
21. Garage for the fire brigade.
22. Roundhouse for the plant railway.
23. Castings storages.
24. Truck garage for 19 trucks.
25. Underground storage of gasoline, paints and dyes.
26. Coal storage.
27. Boiler house.
28. Transformer.
29. Storage of non-ferrous metals and special plate.

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31. Tool shop.
32. New reinforced concrete building for bridge construction.
33. Gatehouse.
34. Wood storage.
35. Press shop, equipped with 16 symmetrical and six friction presses, nine lathes, and five milling cutters. It is a new white building with a glassed roof.
36. Forge, equipped with four electric furnaces, 12 hearths, 10 to 12 steam and electric drop hammers, 18 lathes and six vertical milling cutters.
37. New warehouse for special plate and tubular steel.
38. Apprentice workshop.
39. Maintenance offices.
40. Outdoor storage of iron.
41. New woodworking machine production shop.

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